

**Town of Northfield
Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes October 12, 2015
Municipal Building 6:00 p.m.**

Attendees: Sally Davidson, Michele Langley, Heidi Passalacqua (members); Ken Goslant (Selectman-liaison), Cara Gauthier (community member), Bruce Wright. Sally Davidson, Scott Amell

- I. Call to order: 6:10 p.m.
- II. Review and approval of minutes of September 14, 2015: approved.
- III. Old business
 - a. Picnic tables: It is getting too cold for us to get stain on the tables. We discussed just getting the tables under the pavilion at pool and waiting until spring to stain them then. An alternate plan is that Kenny will speak with Dexter Landers from Northfield Wood Products and see if he has storage in his facility for us to stain the tables inside for now (he has offered to donate some stain). Scott's letters regarding sponsorship of the tables have gone out to Depot Pizzeria, Shamrock, O'Maddi's, Goslant Granite and Subway. We have received payment from Depot and Goslant granite. A different letter needs to go out for Subway for Dave Parker as his corporate office/franchise has some stipulations on how they advertise. Scott will continue to pursue. Michelle possibly may need to give new letters out?
 - b. Fields: Sally, Michelle and Mike McGinnis went to Select Board meeting and reported to them as well as requested ability to have volunteers remove dirt from Memorial Park and "create a new field". A report from them was that there was support for this with some questions/concerns. The main one was that once started it be completed. The other is that there may be a need to just do a couple test holes for determination of what kind of possible soil or ledge we may be facing before attempting removal of such large amounts of dirt. Ray Hudson, Kenny and Patrick Demasi were going to look at the project and had not at time of this meeting. Discussion at this point of meeting was that a: was there other options like other fields to use, were we going to do this this fall. We determined we could not do this fall at this time especially now with the pavement-shim coat having just been laid down on King Street we do not want to have heavy equipment going back and forth over it. We have a couple of options, but we do want to look at this more. Bruce will contact someone through Norwich about possible project? Heidi will contact TDS for augur for boring test sample for 300x 100 space for field. Once we know Scott will contact John Diebold for marking the measurements. Michele will look up current recreation grants that might be available to us.

- IV.** Public participation: Cara as a community member had spoken with Scott as he had come to Rotary in re: to a dog park. She is not here from Rotary and doesn't know if this falls in purview of the committee. She has a dozen people of interested people in meeting. She has spoken to people in Barre and in Burlington about space size needed is approximately an acre. Questions and concerns were raised about the dog park and liability. One area we discussed was area in Falls behind little league field 2 and volleyball area. It is currently not "developed" barely mowed. Cara will be looking to look at locations further, meet with her group she is looking to us for support. At this point she is going to report back to us with more feedback. Similar areas Waterbury, Essex. Kenny suggested looking at towns that have similar sizes to ours that would give some weight going forward.
- V.** New business: Ethan Hatch did not go forward with his Eagle Scout project so discussion re: would another scout be available to take on the pavilion project. Sally offered to call a scout she knows- Nathan Ranker. Sally brought up Christmas time and working together to set up lighting tree with TDS. She will contact Eric from TDS since he has used truck to set up lights and will get back to committee. Bruce mentioned that his wife has done Trunk or Treat for years Halloween and would like to do it again this year. He wants the committee to support. We suggested he let the town know and set up on common, contact people through front porch forum and put on channel 7.
- VI.** Next meeting November 9, 2015. 6p
- VII.** Adjournment